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38. A computer user behavior modification system to avoid computer viruses and an electronic messaging system with users wherein a list of users who activate a mock computer virus is created by
 - sending a user a message with a mock computer virus
 - adding the user's identifier to the list of users who activate a mock computer virus when the user activates the mock computer virusand the list of users who activate a mock computer virus is used to identify computer users whose behavior needs to be modified to avoid activating real computer viruses.
39. The computer user behavior modification system to avoid computer viruses of claim 38, wherein the mock computer virus displays a message to the user when the mock computer virus is activated.
40. The computer user behavior modification system to avoid computer viruses of claim 38, wherein the list of users who activate a mock computer virus is used to measure the behavior of computer users to avoid computer viruses.
41. The computer user behavior modification system to avoid computer viruses of claim 38, wherein a user who did not activate the mock

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computer virus and is not on the list of users who activate a mock computer virus is rewarded.

42. A mock computer virus and list of electronic message system users whose behavior may activate a computer virus and an electronic message system with users, wherein

- the mock computer virus is sent in an electronic message to a user
- the user is added to the list of electronic message system users whose behavior may activate a computer virus when the user activates the mock virus

and the list of electronic message users whose behavior may activate a computer virus is used to identify users whose behavior may activate a real computer virus.

43. The mock computer virus and list of electronic message system users whose behavior may activate a computer virus of claim 42, wherein the mock computer virus displays a message when a user activates the mock computer virus.

44. The mock computer virus and list of electronic message system users whose behavior may activate a computer virus of claim 42, wherein the list of electronic message system users whose behavior may activate a computer virus is used to measure the behavior of users who may activate a real computer virus.

45. The mock computer virus and list of electronic message system users whose behavior may activate a computer virus of claim 42, wherein a user who does not activate the mock computer virus and is not on the list of electronic message system users whose behavior may activate a computer virus is rewarded.

46. A list of electronic message system users who activate a mock computer virus, an electronic message system with users, and a mock computer virus wherein

- an electronic message with the mock computer virus is sent to a user

- the user is added to the list of electronic message system users who activate a mock computer virus when the user activates the mock computer virus

and the list of electronic message system users who activate a mock computer virus is used to identify users whose behavior may activate a real computer virus.

47. The list of electronic message system users who activate a mock computer virus of claim 46, wherein the mock computer virus displays a message when the user activates the mock computer virus.
48. The list of electronic message system users who activate a mock computer virus of claim 46, wherein the list of electronic message system users who activate a mock computer virus is used to measure the behavior of users to activate computer viruses.
49. The list of electronic message system users who activate a mock computer virus of claim 46, wherein a user who does not activate the mock computer virus and is not on the list of electronic message system users who activate a mock computer virus is rewarded.

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- the user is added to the list of electronic message system users who activate a mock computer virus when the user activates the mock computer virus

and the list of electronic message system users who activate a mock computer virus is used to identify users whose behavior may activate a real computer virus.

47. The list of electronic message system users who activate a mock computer virus of claim 46, wherein the mock computer virus displays a message when the user activates the mock computer virus.
48. The list of electronic message system users who activate a mock computer virus of claim 46, wherein the list of electronic message system users who activate a mock computer virus is used to measure the behavior of users to activate computer viruses.
49. The list of electronic message system users who activate a mock computer virus of claim 46, wherein a user who does not activate the mock computer virus and is not on the list of electronic message system users who activate a mock computer virus is rewarded.

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